this route was considered against technical objections from the Railway Board;

(c) if so, the details of objections raised against electrification on this single-line route; and

(d) whether the diesel locos puchased from GM are presently used for Iron Ore hauling from Hospet to Renigunta?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) 31 diesel locomotives were imported from M/s General Motors Corporation/USA at a total landed cost of Rs. 498 crores (approx.) with simultaneous transfer of technology (ToT) for their indigenous manufacture at DLW at a cost of US$ 19 million. These locomotives are versatile and can be depolyed on any section on Indian Railways. Pune-Guntakal-Renigunta is one of the nominated sections for running these locomotives.

(b) and (c) The electrification of Renigunta to Guntakal section is already sanctioned and the work is in progress on Renigunta-Nandalur section. The proposal for electrification of Pune-Guntakal is presently under process and final decision is yet to be taken.

(d) Yes, Sir. These locomotive are presently based for maintenance in Hubli Diesel shed. They are, therefore, deployed for hauling both freight and express trains on sections around the Hubli shed including the Hospet-Renigunta section.

Extension of platforms in Karnataka

1835. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up extention of platforms at various railway stations in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the railway stations selected during 2002-03 in Karnataka for this purpose; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent for this purpose during 2002-03 in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Railway stations selected in Karnataka for the purpose are Krishnarajpuram, Bangalore East, Bangalore Cantonment, Bangalore City-Mysore section at :(Kengeri, Bidadi, Ramanagram, Channapatna, Maddur, Mandya, Pandavapura, Srirangapattana), Madour, Mysore Jn., Ammasandra, Haveri, Mullanur, Hosur, Dharmpuri, Hospet, Koppal, Bhanapur, Hulkoti, Annigeri, Hubli, Pachapur, Sambre and Parakana.

(c) The amount proposed to be spent for the purpose is Rs. 108.71 lakhs.

Target for model railway station

1836. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 420, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 2002 and state:

(a) how a model railway station differs from an ordinary railway station; and

(b) the target set for setting up of model railway stations during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) With a view to provide upgraded passenger amenities at station, 295 stations have so far been selected as model stations.

(b) No such target has been set up.

Income of various divisions

1837. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of income earned through rail fares and freight charges by diferent divisions of railways zones, during the last three years;

(b) whether income of western zone has declined; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?